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ESTABLISHED MAY, 1829.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

PATRON.....His Excellency *Lieut. General Lord* AYLMER, K. C. B. Governor in Chief, &c.

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McCallum, D.
Mountain, Archdeacon
Patton, W.
Peniston, R.
Primrose, Hon. F. W.
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Sewell, Rev. E.
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Symes, Robert

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The Committee of Management of the Gaol Association, in laying before the subscribers to the fund and the public a report of their proceedings during the past year, being the fifth since the organization of the Association, have to regret that their exertions have in some points been crippled by a variety of adverse circumstances, while in others it is a satisfaction to them to be able to state that the sphere of their endeavours has been enlarged with every prospect of usefulness and advantage.

They have to lament that the scantiness of their funds has compelled them to discontinue the schools both in the Gaol and House of Correction, which they had hitherto struggled to maintain, and which they cannot but believe had a beneficial tendency and effect in encouraging habits of order and decorum among the prisoners, in withdrawing them, for a part at least of their unemployed time, from idle and vicious conversation and amusements, and in familiarizing to their minds those principles and precepts which could alone give a hope of their being restored in any degree of reformation to society.

The Committee have hitherto been enabled to continue the valuable services of Mr. Campbell, as a reader to the prisoners; with greater or less effect, as was to be expected, according as the hearers he collected around him were more or less hardened in crime; but even this imperfect substitute for more regular instruction, the Committee will be obliged, from the inadequacy of their funds, to discontinue, unless more liberally supported by the public for the ensuing year.

The Committee, encouraged by repeated instances of assistance afforded by the Legislature to purposes entirely similar to those which they are pursuing, applied early in the last Session for a small appropriation in aid of their funds, but they regret to state that, in consequence, probably of peculiar circumstances which had an unfavorable influence during that Session on various applications of a like nature, their endeavours were not attende with success.

The Committee took measures during the winter for erecting in the House of Correction a loom and machinery for the manufacture of coarse hempen cloth, which is now in full operation; and the cloth thus fabricated by the prisoners has been disposed of to the Sheriff for the use of the Gaol.

The Committee having lately had reason to know that the nature and regulations of the system of voluntary industry, which they have endeavoured to introduce among the prisoners, had incidentally become the subject of inquiry in a Court of Justice, in a manner which shewed that their objects and endeavours were either not known, or not understood, or appreciated, think it right on this occasion to state the nature of the labour which they are enabled out of their scanty funds to supply to the prisoners. They have purchased, or otherwise obtained the raw materials for the following employments:—

WOOL—To be cleaned, dressed, spun, and knit into stockings, socks, gloves, &c.

COTTON—To be knit into stockings and night-caps.

HEMP—To be hackled, spun and woven into cloth of various textures.

WOOD—To be made into American axe handles.

Besides which they are now about causing a mixture of wool and hemp to be woven into stuff for clothing for the female prisoners; and they have at different times supplied prisoners belonging to some of the mechanical callings with tools and materials for carrying on their trade, and thus supporting their families. The articles made are disposed of at such rates as merely to cover the expense of the raw material and implements of manufacture, with a very small allowance to the prisoners to encourage them to this voluntary work beyond their stated tasks, and to enable them, when discharged, to support themselves until they can obtain employment or leave the city.

The simple statement of these purposes and exertions, it might be hoped, would recommend them to the attention and the support of the beneficent and the humane, or even to those who make a colder calculation of the employments and destiny of the prisoner; —the Committee therefore deeply regret that their funds, derived from the contributions of the public, have diminished in such a degree as to compel them to discontinue, as already stated, a useful part of their system. They owe it to the liberality and forbearance of the Sheriff in not pressing for the payment of a considerable sum (£71 10s.) due for raw materials for which he had made himself temporarily responsible, that they have been enabled to commence and continue the manufacture of cloth from hemp, and although they hope to carry on this description of manufacture to such an extent as afford a prospect of extinguishing the debt, they are obliged to appeal to the liberality of the public to aid in relieving them from their present embarrassment.

The funds arising from contributions during the last year have been no more than £37 8s. 3d. The value of articles sold £33 7s. 10½d. after paying their ordinary expences as set forth in the annexed accounts, and adding the cost of materials and implements, they are left in debt to the extent of £76 4s. 3d.

The articles manufactured by the prisoners and sold have been as follows :—

Manufactured.

Yards of Linen.	Pairs of Socks.	" Stockings.	" Footings.	" Nightcaps.	" Gloves.	" Listen Shoes
213	575	157	45	60	160	23
			Sold.			
213	329	81	12	..	112	14
			Remaining on hand.			
..	246	76	33	60	48	9

The Committee, feeling that their labour has not been wholly in vain, that some good has been done, even with their limited resources; and that the objects they pursue,—the employment and reformation of prisoners,—are deserving at least the small contribution of 5s. annually, (which is all that is required to constitute a member of the Association) lay this Report before their members and the public, not without the hope that it may draw increased attention and encouragement to the Association, even at this period of public calamity and distress.

By order of the Committee,

HENRY D. SEWELL, M. A.

Secretary.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO THE

QUEBEC JAIL ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1834.

	£	s.	d.
Aylmer, His Excellency Lord	5	0	0
Antrobus, E. W. R. *Donation*,	0	5	0
Aylwin, T. C	0	5	0
Do. *Donation*	0	12	9
Anderson, William	0	5	0
Anderson, Anthony	0	5	0
Atkinson, Henry	0	5	0
A Friend, *Donation*,	0	2	6
Brown, Rev. Joseph	0	5	0
Bedard, E'zear	0	5	0
Bignell, John	0	5	0
Burrage, Rev. R. R.	0	5	0
Baird, Ebenezar	0	5	0
Bennett, Benson	0	5	0
Burton, Saml. Judge	0	5	0
Black, James	0	5	0
Burroughs, Edward	0	5	0
Caldwell, Hon. Sir John Bart.	0	10	0
Coffin, John	0	5	0
Clugston, Rev. John	0	5	0
Cary, Thomas	0	5	0
Cringan, Thomas	0	5	0
Cairns, Robert	0	5	0
Cochrane, Hon A. W. *Donation*,	0	18	0
do. do. *do.*	1	0	0
Codville, John	0	5	0
Campbell, Charles	0	5	0
Clearihue, James *Donation.*	0	5	0
Cash, *do*	0	2	6
Duchesnay, L. Juchereau *Donation*,	0	5	0
Dunn, Mrs. Robert *do.*	0	5	0
Duchesnay, Charles *do.*	0	5	0
Dorion, Pierre *do*	0	5	0
Daly, Dominick	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Desbarats George	0	5	0
Devery, Richard	0	5	0
Durette, Francis	0	5	0
Eckart, Isaac R. *Donation*,	0	2	6
Ferguson, Archibald	0	5	0
Fletcher, John	0	5	0
Fisher, John Charlton	0	5	0
Fisher, John	0	5	0
Freer, Noah	0	5	0
Glass, John	0	5	0
Ginger, William	0	5	0
Goldsworthy, *Donation*,	0	2	6
Gore, Manly	0	5	0
Gore, Lt. Col.	0	5	0
Gowen, Hammond	0	5	0
Gingras, J. B. *Donation*,	0	2	6
Hale, Hon. John	0	10	0
Hale, Jeffery	0	5	0
Harkness, Rev. Dr.	0	5	0
Haddan, R.	0	5	0
Henderson, G.	0	5	0
Hossack, William	0	5	0
Hudson, Rev. J.	0	5	0
Jessop, Henry *Donation*,	0	5	0
Jones, . *do.*	0	5	0
Jones, Nathaniel	0	5	0
Lockhart, Rev. S.	0	5	0
LeMesurier, Henry	0	5	0
Lane, Edward	0	5	0
Latham, R. *Donation*,	0	2	6
Mountain, Ven. Archdeacon	0	10	0
Mountain, Miss *Donation*,	0	5	0
Musson, John	0	5	0
Methot, F. X.	0	5	0
Montizambert, Mrs.	0	5	0
Munn, John	0	5	0

	£	s.	d
McMahon, Rev. P.	0	5	0
McCallum, D.	0	5	0
McPhee, J. *Donation,*	0	2	6
McLeod, John	0	5	0
Massue, Louis	0	5	0
Noad, John	0	5	0
Neilson, John	0	5	0
Ogden, C. R.	0	10	0
Price, William	0	5	0
Patton, William	0	5	0
Petry, William	0	5	0
Pozer, George	0	5	0
Do. *Donation,*	0	5	0
Petry, Frederick	0	5	0
Pemberton, George	0	5	0
Pelletier, P. *Donation,*	0	5	0
Penn, Richard	0	5	0
Pozer, Mrs.	0	5	0
Panet, Louis	0	5	0
Quebec, Lord Bishop of	0	5	0
Do. *Donation,*	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Ridley, Ralph	0	5	0
Racey, John *Donation,*	0	2	6
Sewell, Hon. Chief Justice	0	5	0
Do. *Donation,*	1	0	0
Sewell, Wiliam S. Sheriff,	0	10	0
Sewell, Henry D.	0	5	0
Seymour, R. B.	0	5	0
Sims, J. J.	0	5	0
Stewart, Chs. G,	0	5	0
Sheppard, P. *Donation,*	0	5	0
Stewart. Hon. John *do.*	0	5	0
Skey, Doctor	0	10	0
Symes, Robert	0	10	0
Do. *Donation,*	1	10	0
Tremain, Benjamin *Donation,*	0	2	6
Vanfelson, George	0	5	0
Wilkie, Rev. Daniel	0	5	0
Woodbury, E.	0	5	0

Dr. R. Haddan, Treasurer, in Account with the Quebec Jail Association. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Subsription received	27	0	0	Balance due the Treasurer from last year	0	16	10
" " Donations "	10	8	3	Messrs. Thomas Cary & Co. for printing and stationery	5	12	10½
Received from Mrs. Cook for socks, stockings and gloves sold by her	16	7	10½	Mr. David Campbell as reader to the prisoners	18	0	0
Received from Mr. R. Symes for socks sold by him	0	14	0	Mr. Wm. B. Bird as schoolmaster to do.	13	1	3
213 yards of linen sold by Mrs. Cook, 2s.	21	6	0	Mr. Legaré for wool	6	5	6
				One gallon of oil for spining wheels	0	5	6
				One ton of hemp	40	0	0
				Purchase of sheep skins to get the wool	31	10	0
				Clothing for females	4	1	9
				12 months board and lodging for the child of a prisoner	7	10	0
				Messrs. Neilson & Cowan for advertising	1	4	2
				Mr. McKenzie for making and repairing spinning wheel	7	9	0
				Expence of a loom	14	3	6
Balance due	76	4	3	Christopher Sparling for collecting subscriptions	1	15	0
	£152	0	4½		£152	0	4½

R. HADDAN,
Treasurer.

June 20, 1834.